

drive shaft and to have at least a radial movement component relative to the drive shaft rotational axis via encapsulated, independent drives.

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) A vacuum chamber for processing at least one workpiece, comprising at least two openings defining respective opening areas [for treating or handling said at least one workpiece thereof]; a transport device with a drive shaft for rotating said transport device around a rotational axis of said drive shaft; at least two conveyors [arranged at said transport device for the workpiece thereof, said transport device further comprising], and a transport arm for each conveyor [projecting from] operatively associated with said drive shaft[; said arms] and each being operatively coupled to one of said conveyors to move said conveyors independently of each other relative to said drive shaft, said transport arms having at least a radial movement component relative to said drive shaft rotational axis via encapsulated independent drives.

REMARKS

Applicant submits herewith another copy of DE '544 document. Also concurrently submitted is an Information Disclosure Statement for the Examiner to consider the possible relevance of JP 3-109727, a translation of which is attached thereto.

Applicant would further request, in light of the comments below, how, pursuant to 37 CFR §104(b)(2), the Examiner deems the DE '544 document fully readable on all the claims. Such an explanation should precede, not follow, any arguments to the contrary by the